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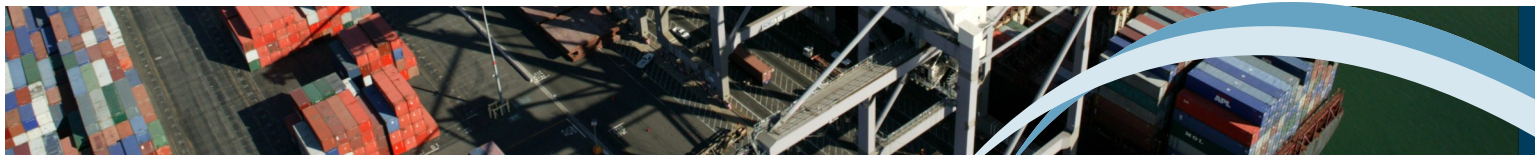
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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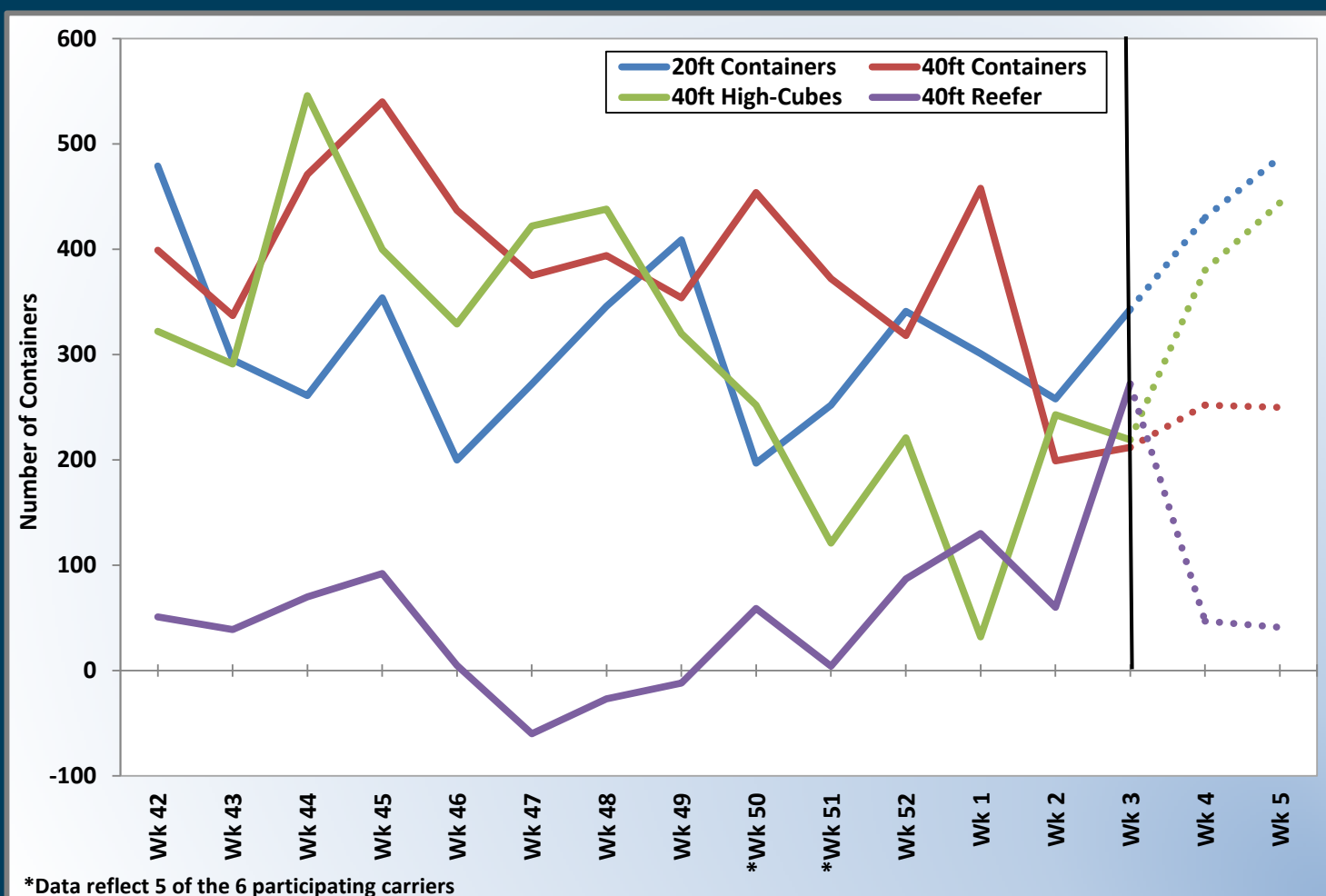
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Charleston

The Port of Charleston, SC, ranked 24th for total waterborne agricultural exports in 2012, but 11th in terms of containerized waterborne agricultural exports. Between January and March of 2013, Charleston moved more than 190 thousand metric tons of containerized agricultural exports. The top four exports are distributed rather evenly with poultry as the top commodity (17 percent) followed by grapefruit (14 percent), meat (13 percent), and grocery items (10 percent). Approximately 77 percent of these agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers; 18 percent moved in 20ft containers. Since refrigerated exports are among the top containerized agricultural products through Charleston, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below.

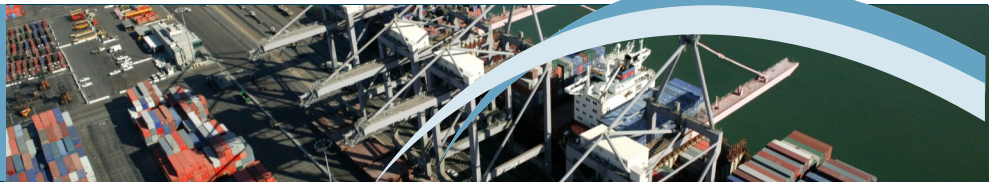
Much like its neighboring Port of Savannah, container availability in Charleston has exhibited strong weekly fluctuations since mid-October averaging between 300 and 400 units for dry containers. Weekly spikes topped 540 units for 40ft dry and high-cube containers, and fell to just over 30 units of 40ft high-cube containers during the first week of the year. Refrigerated 40ft containers averaged around 55 units with a spike reaching 272 units this week, and 3 weeks of deficit availability (below zero) during the end of November and early December. Below zero estimates indicate demand for containers is greater than supply. A recent article in the Journal of Commerce reported November exports through Charleston increased 6 percent year-over-year, fueled mostly by agricultural products—particularly grains. Projections over the next 2 weeks show availability increasing for each of the dry container types, but falling for 40ft refrigerated containers.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Charleston, 3rd week of October, 2013 (Wk 42) through 3rd week of January (Wk 3), 2014, with Projections

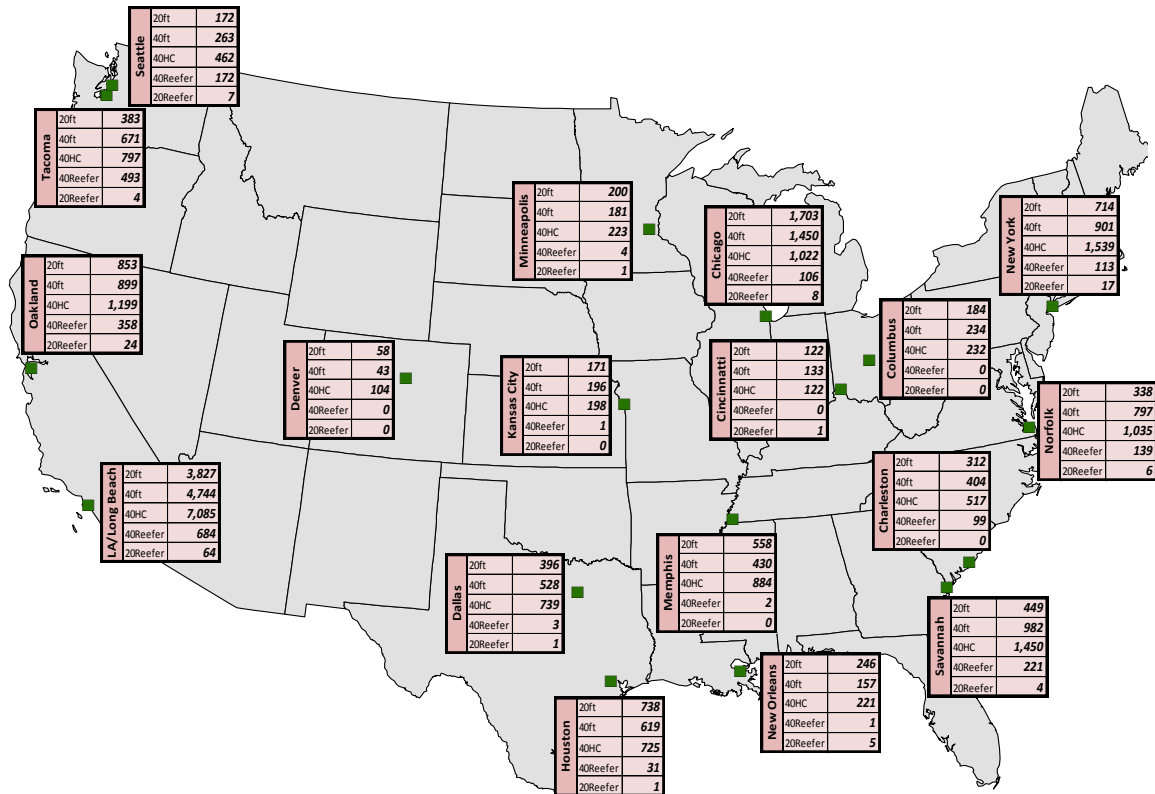


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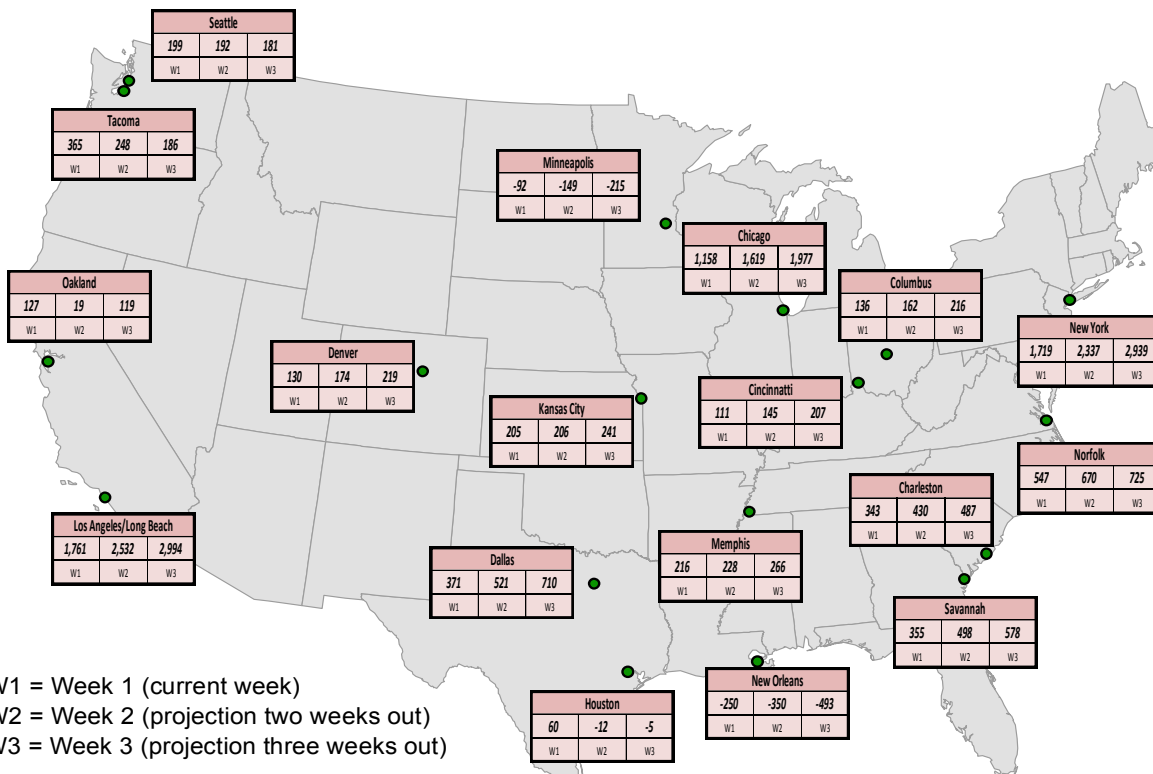
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

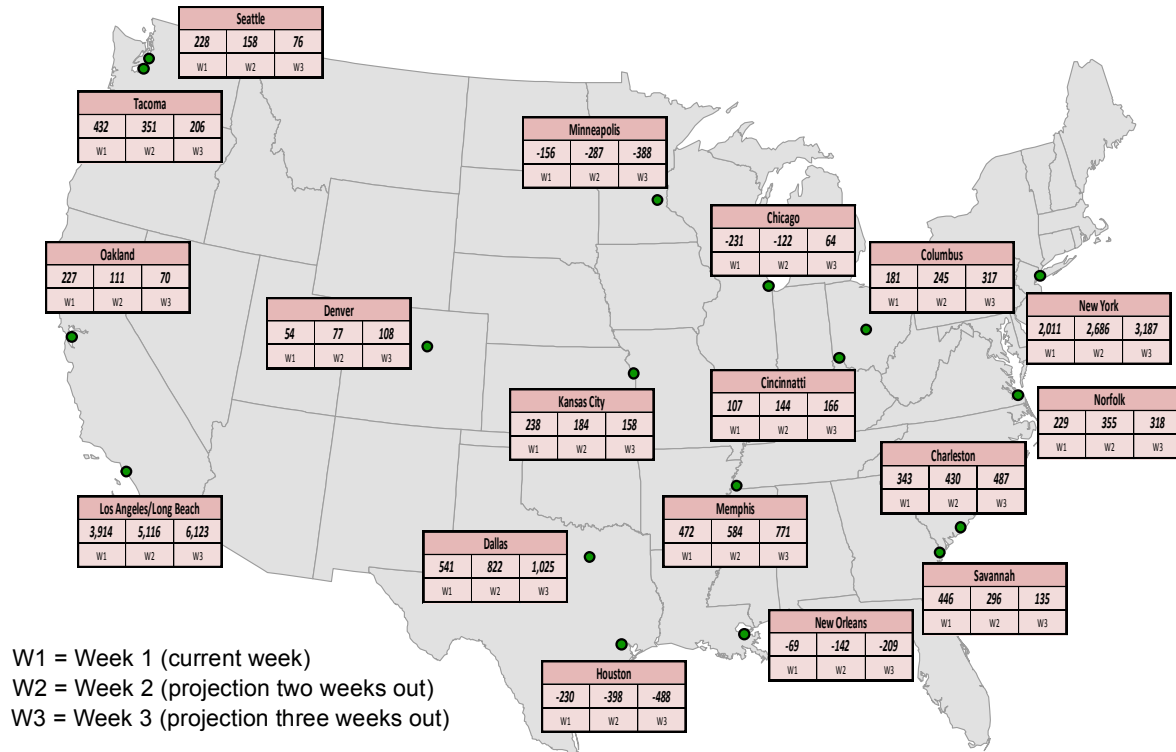


Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

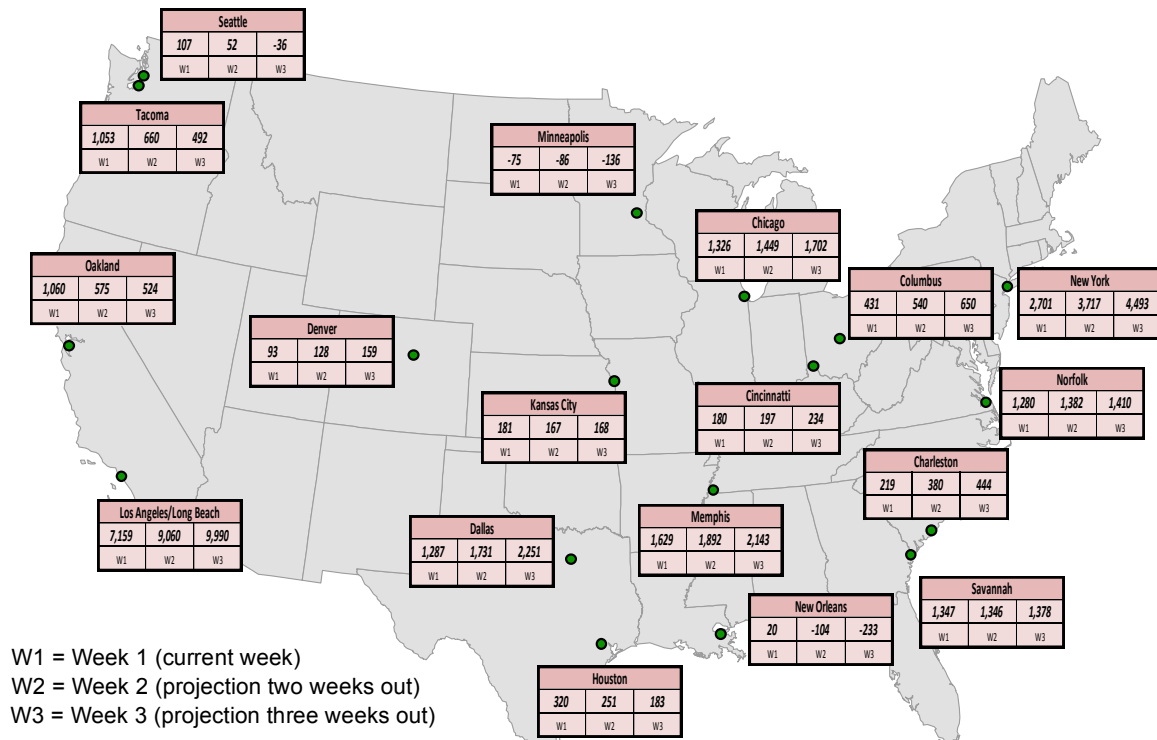




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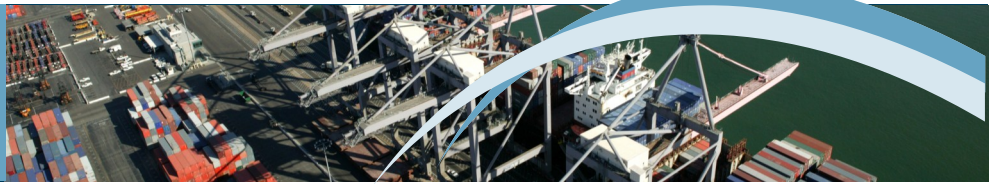


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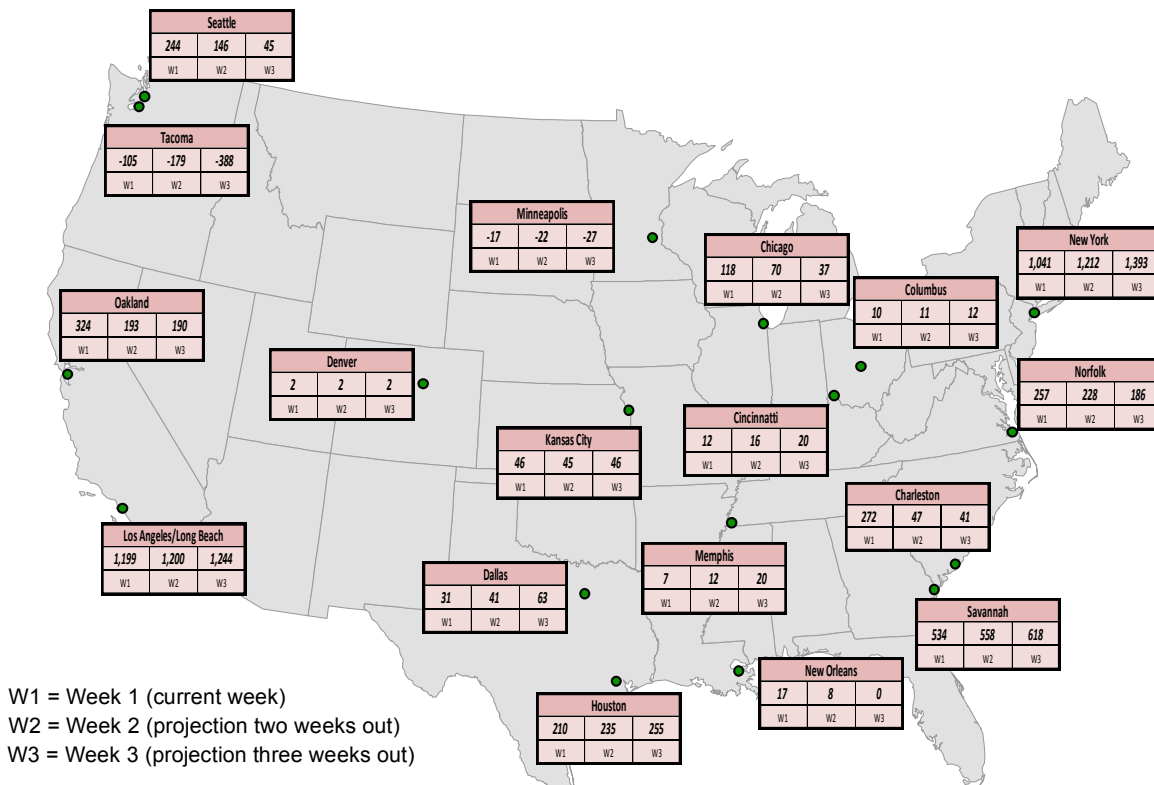


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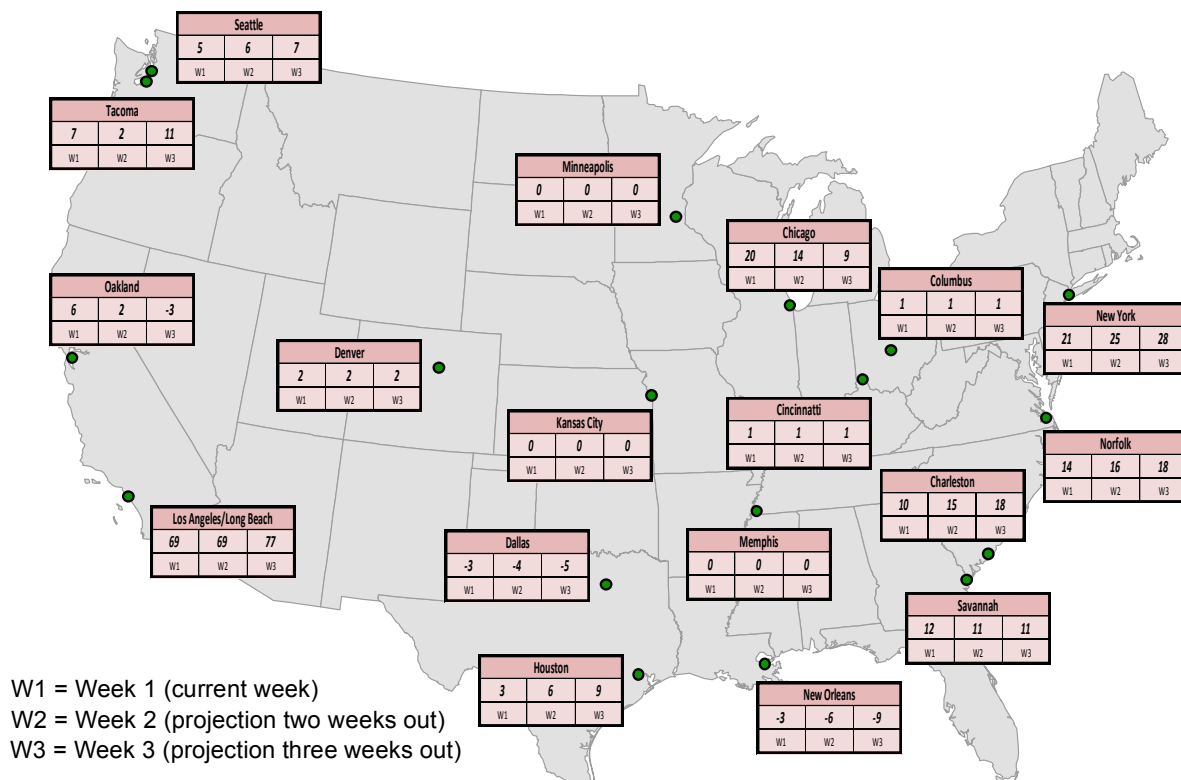
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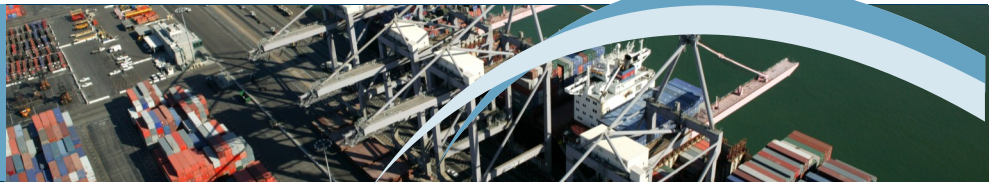


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers



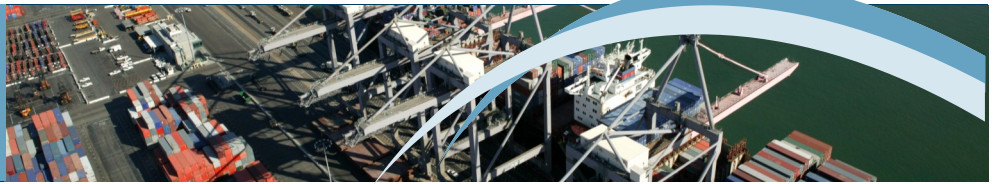


Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	93	88	80	70	9	3	.	.	.	.	343
Week 2: Jan 22-28	101	108	80	108	29	4	.	.	.	.	430
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	118	129	80	110	46	4	.	.	.	.	487
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	107	48	36	20	2	-1	.	.	.	.	212
Week 2: Jan 22-28	74	69	92	20	2	-5	.	.	.	.	252
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	73	86	85	20	3	-17	.	.	.	.	250
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	224	73	30	5	1	-114	.	.	.	.	219
Week 2: Jan 22-28	291	63	30	-37	3	30	.	.	.	.	380
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	354	80	30	-44	1	23	.	.	.	.	444
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	122	105	27	11	5	2	.	.	.	.	272
Week 2: Jan 22-28	-100	100	30	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	47
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	-101	92	33	11	5	1	.	.	.	.	41
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	6	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jan 22-28	10	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	12	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	521	377	173	100	2	-15	.	.	.	.	1,158
Week 2: Jan 22-28	740	457	321	100	8	-7	.	.	.	.	1,619
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	931	429	519	100	8	-10	.	.	.	.	1,977
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	146	140	54	25	4	-600	.	.	.	.	-231
Week 2: Jan 22-28	226	136	111	-1	6	-600	.	.	.	.	-122
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	290	173	202	-8	7	-600	.	.	.	.	64
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	600	430	176	112	7	1	.	.	.	.	1,326
Week 2: Jan 22-28	600	491	244	116	-6	4	.	.	.	.	1,449
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	600	670	264	174	-12	6	.	.	.	.	1,702
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	95	12	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	118
Week 2: Jan 22-28	70	11	-13	0	2	.	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	64	10	-38	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	37
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	11	9	20
Week 2: Jan 22-28	8	6	14
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	5	4	9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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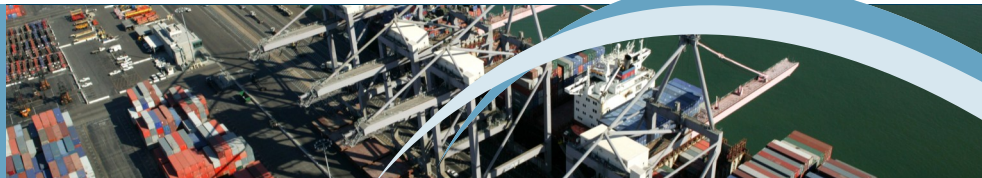


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	38	36	18	14	5	0	111
Week 2: Jan 22-28	54	45	36	12	-2	0	.	.	.	.	145
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	67	57	70	18	-5	0	.	.	.	.	207
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	33	30	14	14	10	6	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Jan 22-28	61	45	14	11	10	3	.	.	.	.	144
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	70	57	16	15	10	-2	.	.	.	.	166
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	87	50	20	18	4	1	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Jan 22-28	115	50	13	14	5	0	.	.	.	.	197
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	140	50	28	14	1	1	.	.	.	.	234
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Jan 22-28	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	1	1
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1	1
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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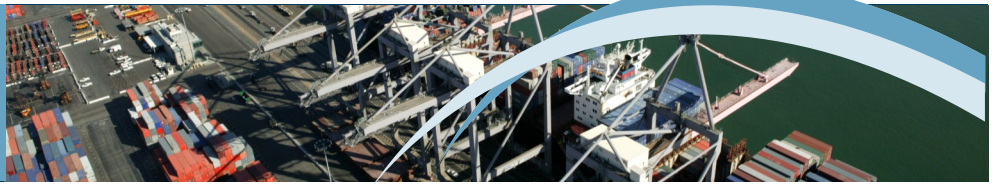


Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	83	26	16	10	1	0	136
Week 2: Jan 22-28	107	27	16	12	1	-1	.	.	.	.	162
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	126	21	58	12	1	-2	.	.	.	.	216
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	69	50	50	11	1	0	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Jan 22-28	99	70	50	11	14	1	.	.	.	.	245
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	128	94	50	16	32	-3	.	.	.	.	317
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	200	150	66	15	1	-1	.	.	.	.	431
Week 2: Jan 22-28	257	150	126	15	-8	0	.	.	.	.	540
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	312	150	183	14	-10	1	.	.	.	.	650
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Jan 22-28	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	1	1
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1	1
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1	1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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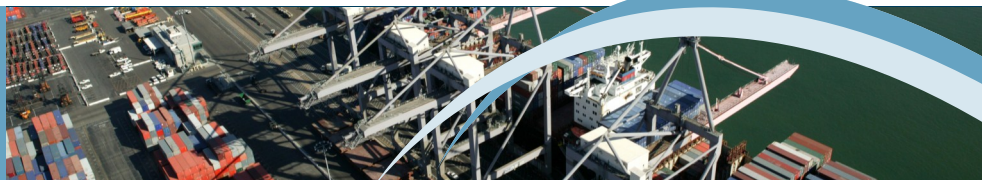


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	98	84	68	61	50	10	371
Week 2: Jan 22-28	193	87	108	73	50	10	.	.	.	.	521
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	282	118	170	80	50	10	.	.	.	.	710
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	188	171	161	9	7	5	.	.	.	.	541
Week 2: Jan 22-28	238	167	274	7	131	5	.	.	.	.	822
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	239	170	386	10	215	5	.	.	.	.	1,025
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	385	277	252	250	114	9	.	.	.	.	1,287
Week 2: Jan 22-28	496	474	228	250	275	8	.	.	.	.	1,731
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	655	705	230	250	400	11	.	.	.	.	2,251
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	29	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Week 2: Jan 22-28	40	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	63	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	63
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	-3	-3
Week 2: Jan 22-28	-4	-4
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	-5	-5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	110	13	12	2	0	-7	130
Week 2: Jan 22-28	140	20	17	2	1	-6	.	.	.	.	174
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	171	24	25	2	2	-5	.	.	.	.	219
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	31	7	6	5	4	1	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Jan 22-28	49	9	1	8	9	1	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	65	8	2	21	11	1	.	.	.	.	108
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	45	15	12	8	7	6	.	.	.	.	93
Week 2: Jan 22-28	70	15	18	10	7	8	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	93	15	16	16	7	12	.	.	.	.	159
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Jan 22-28	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	2	2
Week 2: Jan 22-28	2	2
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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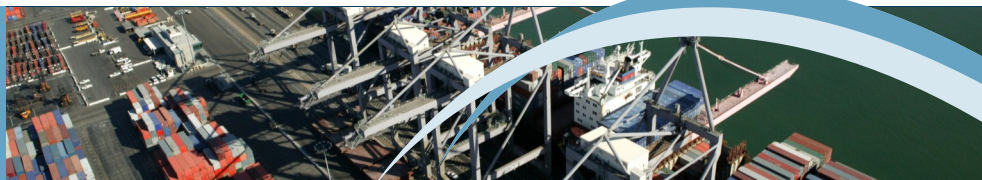


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	34	30	10	1	-7	-8	60
Week 2: Jan 22-28	22	30	9	-5	-7	-61	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	48	30	10	-8	-11	-74	.	.	.	.	-5
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	50	17	4	2	-4	-299	.	.	.	.	-230
Week 2: Jan 22-28	50	14	-18	3	-19	-428	.	.	.	.	-398
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	50	27	-25	3	18	-561	.	.	.	.	-488
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	500	86	55	9	5	-335	.	.	.	.	320
Week 2: Jan 22-28	500	136	52	-10	2	-429	.	.	.	.	251
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	500	183	59	-30	2	-531	.	.	.	.	183
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	150	36	22	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	210
Week 2: Jan 22-28	160	33	40	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	235
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	170	30	53	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	255
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	12	0	-9	3
Week 2: Jan 22-28	15	0	-9	6
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	18	0	-9	9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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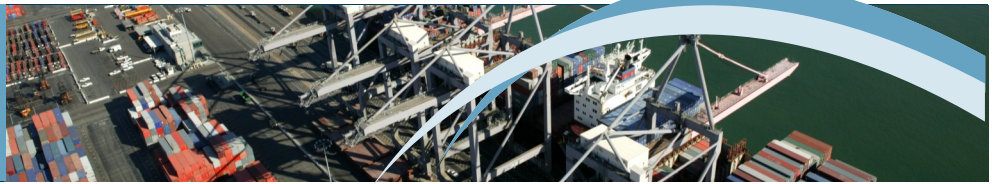


Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	70	56	56	28	6	-11	205
Week 2: Jan 22-28	70	35	70	40	2	-11	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	70	41	86	53	1	-10	.	.	.	.	241
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	220	27	14	1	-11	-13	.	.	.	.	238
Week 2: Jan 22-28	220	21	14	-40	-11	-20	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	220	4	16	-42	-12	-28	.	.	.	.	158
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	150	21	21	3	0	-14	.	.	.	.	181
Week 2: Jan 22-28	150	24	30	-15	-7	-15	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	150	30	37	-18	-16	-15	.	.	.	.	168
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	41	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
Week 2: Jan 22-28	38	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	37	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	46
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	0	0
Week 2: Jan 22-28	0	0
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	0	0

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June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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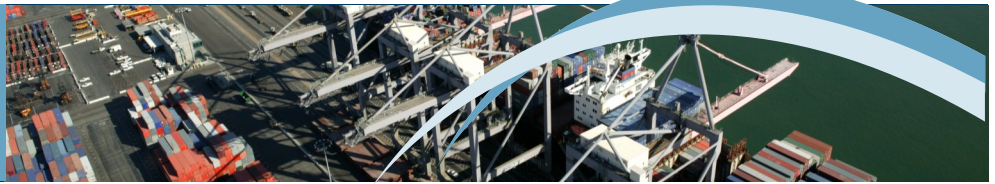


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	750	534	472	63	44	-102	.	.	.	.	1,761
Week 2: Jan 22-28	750	605	794	240	40	103	.	.	.	.	2,532
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	750	590	1,069	407	43	135	.	.	.	.	2,994
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	1,500	867	751	597	145	54	.	.	.	.	3,914
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1,500	1,514	1,161	673	216	52	.	.	.	.	5,116
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1,500	2,138	1,521	650	269	45	.	.	.	.	6,123
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	5,500	872	533	407	52	-205	.	.	.	.	7,159
Week 2: Jan 22-28	5,500	1,158	990	1,645	57	-290	.	.	.	.	9,060
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	5,500	1,200	928	2,722	50	-410	.	.	.	.	9,990
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	504	206	180	134	100	75	.	.	.	.	1,199
Week 2: Jan 22-28	515	134	190	198	88	75	.	.	.	.	1,200
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	571	98	188	235	77	75	.	.	.	.	1,244
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	40	19	10	69
Week 2: Jan 22-28	31	28	10	69
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	40	27	10	77

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	100	76	34	5	2	-1	216
Week 2: Jan 22-28	100	89	22	4	17	-4	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	100	88	28	4	64	-18	.	.	.	.	266
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	400	74	21	5	4	-32	.	.	.	.	472
Week 2: Jan 22-28	400	81	46	-5	6	56	.	.	.	.	584
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	400	113	67	-15	6	200	.	.	.	.	771
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	1,400	104	98	11	10	6	.	.	.	.	1,629
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1,400	196	225	62	8	1	.	.	.	.	1,892
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1,400	259	387	111	6	-20	.	.	.	.	2,143
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	11	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jan 22-28	18	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	28	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	0
Week 2: Jan 22-28	0
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	0

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June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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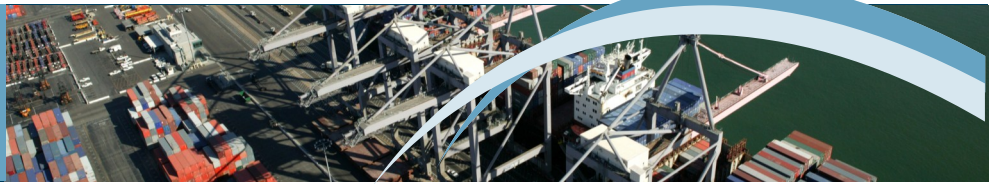


Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	48	30	28	-4	-8	-186	-92
Week 2: Jan 22-28	110	30	-25	11	-8	-267	.	.	.	.	-149
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	159	30	-57	8	-7	-348	.	.	.	.	-215
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	275	22	-2	-8	-19	-424	.	.	.	.	-156
Week 2: Jan 22-28	275	4	-11	3	-19	-539	.	.	.	.	-287
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	275	-14	-9	2	22	-664	.	.	.	.	-388
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	120	33	-8	-22	-32	-166	.	.	.	.	-75
Week 2: Jan 22-28	120	28	-8	-1	-18	-207	.	.	.	.	-86
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	120	33	-9	-3	-14	-263	.	.	.	.	-136
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	0	-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-17
Week 2: Jan 22-28	0	-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-22
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	0	0
Week 2: Jan 22-28	0	0
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	29	14	11	0	0	-304	-250
Week 2: Jan 22-28	-11	11	10	0	0	-360	.	.	.	.	-350
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	-16	10	13	0	0	-500	.	.	.	.	-493
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	52	11	10	1	0	-143	.	.	.	.	-69
Week 2: Jan 22-28	40	10	14	0	0	-206	.	.	.	.	-142
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	46	12	12	0	0	-279	.	.	.	.	-209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	13	12	3	0	0	-8	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Jan 22-28	-112	12	1	0	0	-5	.	.	.	.	-104
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	-244	9	8	0	0	-6	.	.	.	.	-233
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	19	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Jan 22-28	19	0	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	20	0	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	3	-6	-3
Week 2: Jan 22-28	3	-9	-6
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	3	-12	-9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	785	417	225	141	133	18	1,719
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1,114	518	225	287	168	25	.	.	.	.	2,337
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1,426	640	225	473	155	20	.	.	.	.	2,939
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	922	435	341	230	63	20	.	.	.	.	2,011
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1,151	681	587	230	14	23	.	.	.	.	2,686
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1,237	913	776	230	11	20	.	.	.	.	3,187
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	1,387	600	450	138	106	20	.	.	.	.	2,701
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1,711	600	768	552	53	33	.	.	.	.	3,717
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1,938	600	1,056	824	45	30	.	.	.	.	4,493
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	345	205	200	159	122	10	.	.	.	.	1,041
Week 2: Jan 22-28	454	272	200	215	61	10	.	.	.	.	1,212
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	529	334	200	257	63	10	.	.	.	.	1,393
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	19	5	-3	21
Week 2: Jan 22-28	23	5	-3	25
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	27	5	-4	28

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	400	49	47	23	20	8	547
Week 2: Jan 22-28	475	170	-32	28	20	9	.	.	.	.	670
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	541	192	-62	25	20	9	.	.	.	.	725
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	163	114	30	10	2	-90	.	.	.	.	229
Week 2: Jan 22-28	162	129	30	10	47	-23	.	.	.	.	355
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	151	102	30	10	52	-27	.	.	.	.	318
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	595	450	382	12	-79	-80	.	.	.	.	1,280
Week 2: Jan 22-28	643	450	438	9	-96	-62	.	.	.	.	1,382
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	639	450	465	9	-90	-63	.	.	.	.	1,410
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	151	86	48	10	4	-42	.	.	.	.	257
Week 2: Jan 22-28	121	78	49	10	3	-33	.	.	.	.	228
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	92	60	55	10	1	-32	.	.	.	.	186
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	11	2	1	14
Week 2: Jan 22-28	13	2	1	16
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	15	2	1	18

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	80	38	31	14	8	-44	127
Week 2: Jan 22-28	80	-14	45	-77	9	-24	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	80	78	39	-62	11	-27	.	.	.	.	119
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	180	68	13	8	1	-43	.	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Jan 22-28	180	-52	3	8	22	-50	.	.	.	.	111
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	180	-48	1	11	-9	-65	.	.	.	.	70
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	625	500	146	9	-44	-176	.	.	.	.	1,060
Week 2: Jan 22-28	326	500	196	10	-49	-408	.	.	.	.	575
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	234	500	221	10	-61	-380	.	.	.	.	524
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	141	108	71	30	10	-36	.	.	.	.	324
Week 2: Jan 22-28	108	70	49	30	10	-74	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	109	67	31	30	10	-57	.	.	.	.	190
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	10	1	-5	6
Week 2: Jan 22-28	10	-1	-7	2
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	10	-4	-9	-3

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	100	96	67	58	31	3	355
Week 2: Jan 22-28	100	165	130	47	53	3	.	.	.	.	498
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	100	189	177	38	71	3	.	.	.	.	578
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	333	100	13	8	4	-12	.	.	.	.	446
Week 2: Jan 22-28	296	100	15	-68	4	-51	.	.	.	.	296
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	299	100	-16	-191	3	-60	.	.	.	.	135
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	678	575	205	0	-6	-105	.	.	.	.	1,347
Week 2: Jan 22-28	710	575	196	0	-4	-131	.	.	.	.	1,346
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	775	575	253	0	-20	-205	.	.	.	.	1,378
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	200	134	127	94	10	-31	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Jan 22-28	200	179	118	96	10	-45	.	.	.	.	558
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	200	227	131	102	10	-52	.	.	.	.	618
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	8	3	1	12
Week 2: Jan 22-28	8	2	1	11
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	8	2	1	11

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	129	40	23	7	199
Week 2: Jan 22-28	110	40	33	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	192
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	90	40	42	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	181
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	150	72	4	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	228
Week 2: Jan 22-28	112	34	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	158
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	72	-8	10	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	90	57	6	-46	.	.	.	.	.	.	107
Week 2: Jan 22-28	90	49	4	-91	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	90	10	9	-145	.	.	.	.	.	.	-36
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	220	24	20	-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	244
Week 2: Jan 22-28	111	30	20	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	146
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	1	34	20	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	4	1	5
Week 2: Jan 22-28	5	1	6
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	6	1	7

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	150	131	71	8	5	365
Week 2: Jan 22-28	139	53	43	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	158	-10	25	8	5	.	.	.	.	.	186
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	539	30	7	-27	-117	.	.	.	.	.	432
Week 2: Jan 22-28	497	30	8	-55	-129	.	.	.	.	.	351
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	410	30	8	-80	-162	.	.	.	.	.	206
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	993	78	25	8	-51	.	.	.	.	.	1,053
Week 2: Jan 22-28	939	-222	25	9	-91	.	.	.	.	.	660
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	883	-231	25	10	-195	.	.	.	.	.	492
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	117	69	5	0	-296	.	.	.	.	.	-105
Week 2: Jan 22-28	49	39	5	0	-272	.	.	.	.	.	-179
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	-164	24	5	0	-253	.	.	.	.	.	-388
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jan 15-21	6	1	7
Week 2: Jan 22-28	1	1	2
Week 3: Jan 29-Feb 4	10	1	11

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

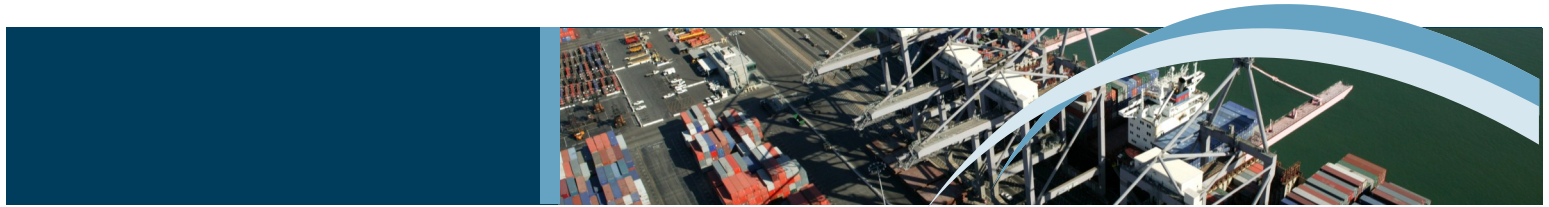
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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